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KOHL, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1625

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Examiner: MORRIS, P.

For: **PROCESS FOR PREPARING (S)-PANTOPRAZOLE**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

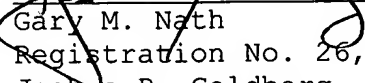
Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter; and
- (2) Response to Restriction / Election Requirement.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION / ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

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This is in response to the Restriction / Election requirement mailed on November 13, 2006. The Restriction / Election requirement has a three (3) month period for response. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-6, 10-15 and 20-28 are pending in the captioned application. The Examiner has indicated that the pending claims are subject to restriction and/or election according to the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-6, 10-15, and 21-28, drawn to a process using a chiral zirconium complex.

Group II: Claims 1-5, 10-15 and 21-24, drawn to a process using a chiral hafnium complex.

Group III: Claim 20, drawn to a compound.